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ON PATENTABILITY
(CHAPTER I OR CHAPTER II
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(PCT Rules 44b.3(c) and 72.2)

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Applicant ZEON CORPORATION et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).



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3. Reminder regarding translation into (one of) the official language(s) of the elected Office(s).

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference G204041	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2004/014203	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 29 September 2004 (29.09.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 29 September 2003 (29.09.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant ZEON CORPORATION			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis.2).

Date of issuance of this report
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bix.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference G204041		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below
International application No. PCT/JP2004/014208	International filing date (day/month/year) 29.09.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 29.09.2003
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC		
Applicant ZEON CORPORATION		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis I(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66, I(b)(ii) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/014203

Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language

_____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search under

Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- a. type of material

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a sequence listing

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table(s) related to the sequence listing

- b. format of material

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in computer readable form

- c. time of filing/furnishing

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contained in the international application as filed.

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3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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International application No.

PCT/JP2004/014208

Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citation and explanations:

Document 1: JP, 2001-49037, A (Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.), 20 February, 2001 (20.02.01), claim 1, [0009], [0029]
Document 2: JP, 2002-348413, A (Asahi Kasei Corp.), 4 December, 2002 (04.12.02), Claim 1, [0006], [0019], [0032]
Document 3: JP, 2001-233996, A (Asahi Kasei Corp.), 28 August, 2001 (28.08.01), Claim 1, [0007], [0020], [0035]
Document 4: JP, 7-53831, A (Mitsubishi Petrochemical Co.), 28 February, 1995 (28.02.95)
Document 5: JP, 9-95578, A (Mitsubishi Chemical MKV Co.), 8 April, 1997 (08.04.97)

The inventions of claims 1-6 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step, since they are described in document 1 cited in the ISR. Regarding an invention related to compositions wherein an acrylic nitrile - butadiene copolymer rubber composition is dispersed in a polyamide resin, document 1 describes the idea of first mixing a crosslinking agent into a rubber composition and then mixing the said rubber composition with polyamide resin [0006], and the idea of using a rubber ingredient containing a carboxyl group [0009].

The inventions of claims 1-6 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 2 or 3 cited in the ISR and well-known technology. Regarding an invention related to thermoplastic rubber compositions consisting of a crosslinkable rubber polymer and thermoplastic resin, documents 2, 3 describe the idea of using crosslinkable rubber such as acryl-based rubber as the rubber polymer, and idea of using polyamide-based or polyester-based thermoplastic resins, and the idea of performing dynamic crosslinking. And as for the gel fraction, the idea of using a gel fraction of at least 30 weight % as a crosslinkable rubber considering the oil resistance, mechanical properties, etc. is a well-known art for a person skilled in the art as described in, for example, documents 4, 5.